



RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF DESIGNATING A SITE IN KAIMUKI AS A SAFE ZONE FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness ("HICH"), in conjunction with and with the advisement of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Land and Natural Resources ("DLNR"), was mandated by the State of Hawaii ("State") Legislature to establish a working group to report on the establishment of safe zones for persons experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in a draft version of that report the working group recommended that more information needs to be collected to evaluate the overall effectiveness of safe zones in addressing unsheltered homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, the draft report also recommended that vacant land parcels identified in the report should be considered for housing projects such as the Hale Mauiola Navigation Center, and not for safe zones similar to Camp Kikaha in Kona, Hawaii County; and

WHEREAS, the report further recommended that the State expand its search for vacant land beyond land under the direct jurisdiction of the DLNR; and

WHEREAS, the working group also noted in its report that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the HICH have recommended against the establishment of safe zones; and

WHEREAS, the State DLNR identified nine land parcels on Oahu that are vacant and under the direct jurisdiction of the State DLNR, one of which is a parcel in Kaimuki, Tax Map Key 3-2-036-010, which is adjacent to the Kaimuki Fire Station located on Koko Head Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this parcel is particularly unfit to be designated as a safe zone for a number of reasons, including the following:

- It is a small parcel of land at just 0.126 acres and could not support a safe zone of a reasonable size;
- It is directly adjacent to the Kaimuki Honolulu Fire Department Fire Station and may be a concern for the fire station personnel;



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- It is directly adjacent to the Puu O Kaimuki Mini Park, and a safe zone established at this location may adversely affect residents and park users;
- The area is located on a hillside and is not be suitable for establishing temporary structures; and
- It is located in a dense residential area with several homes located adjacent to the makai property line which may cause the owners and residents of those properties some concern; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Resolution 17-277, CD1, FD1, on November 1, 2017, which, although urging the City Administration to consider the designation of safe zones for the homeless on Oahu, required that such safe zones be located outside of residential areas; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the State of Hawaii is urged to reconsider designating a safe zone for homeless individuals on the vacant land identified by the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources as Tax Map Key 3-2-036-010, because the property is unsuitable for use as a safe zone; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate of the State of Hawaii; State Directors of Human Services and of Land and Natural Resources; and the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JAN 3 2018

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 01/03/18 By: TREVOR OZAWA

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF DESIGNATING A SITE IN
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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

01/23/18	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	CR-15 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
01/31/18	COUNCIL	CR-15 AND RESOLUTION 18-2 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER